

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF ELECTRICAL APPEALS

March 14, 2006 - 3:00 p.m.

OFFICE OF CENTRAL INSPECTION CITY HALL, 455 NORTH MAIN OCI CONFERENCE ROOM, 7th FLOOR

Chairman Roy Meinhardt called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm, with Board members Dale Johnson, John Whittit, Harold Ragland, Jerry Addington, Dave Urban and Secretary Tom Kerschen present. Also present was Steve Schauner electrical inspector.

The minutes of the February 14, 2006 meeting were read. Board member Whittit made a motion the minutes be approved as written, it was seconded by Board member Ragland and approved.

The recent examination results from Experior Assessments for electrical examinations administered by their office for City of Wichita approved applicants were presented to the Board. The results were as follows:

APPLICANT NAME	APPLICANT NUMBER	EXAMINATION CLASSIFICATION	EXAMINATION RESULT
Bradley Ashcraft	4938	Master	Failed
David Thiesing	7692	Master	Passed
Michael Smith	7969	Master	Failed
Gregory Tillemans	1450	Master	Passed
Paul Bohlken	3552	Journeyman	Failed
Shawn Henry	3313	Journeyman	Failed
William Walker	0600	Journeyman	Failed

Four (4) Master Electrician and one (1) Journeyman Electrician examination applications were reviewed for approval to be administered the appropriate examination for certification. The results were as follows:

NAME	NUMBER	CLASSIFICATION	ACTION
Bradley Ashcraft	4938	Master	Approved
Jason Ashcraft	4836	Master	Approved
David Schanbacher	4035	Master	Approved
Ronnie Banks Jr	9014	Master	Approved
Brian Mayfield	0892	Journeyman	Denied

Under part A of the unfinished business section of the agenda, Secretary Kerschen gave the Board a copy of the sections of Title 19 that are to be amended to stay concurrent with the new State of Kansas statute on mobile home installers license. Also reviewed sections to be amended to stay concurrent with the proposed State statute on continuing education for electricians and required field experience for apprentices. There is also proposed changes in Title 19 for adding company name to the identification of vehicles and also adding replacement of hydraulic cylinder, car operation panel and addition or removal of wall or floor covering under “Alterations and Repairs” section for required permits for elevators. There are a few wording changes the Board requested Secretary Kerschen make and the Board will review again at the April meeting.

Under part A of the new business section of the agenda, Secretary Kerschen gave the Board a copy of article 240.24 of the 2005 National Electrical Code Handbook, that pertains to the location of overcurrent devices in or on the premises. Also a copy of the same article and their interpretation from the McGraw-Hill National Electrical Code Handbook that states “Panelboards, fused switches and circuit breakers may not be installed in clothes closets in any type of occupancy – residential, commercial, institutional or industrial”. Secretary Kerschen explained that overcurrent devices not being allowed in clothes closets was first added in the 1981 National Electrical Code.

There was a lengthy discussion on hazards of circuit breakers in clothes closets, the expense of having to relocate a panel just to add a single circuit and the concern of having uncertified people adding the circuit because the owner does can not afford to have the panel relocated. The Board was concerned with making a blanket exception as many of the old panels have openings in the front of them and/or full of breakers that are exposed, no cover doors. Board member Whittit made a motion to not amend article 240.24. Board member Ragland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

With no other business to conduct, Board member Ragland made a motion to adjourn. Board member Whittit seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.

The time was 4:29 pm.

Tom Kerschen, Secretary,
Board of Electrical Appeals